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**ANTHONY J. JENKINS CONFIRMED BY THE U.S. SENATE AS
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

The United States Attorney's Office announced today that **ANTHONY J. JENKINS** was confirmed by the United States Senate as the United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands on June 8, 2005.

Attorney Jenkins had been serving as Acting United States Attorney since August 20, 2004, upon the resignation of former United States Attorney David M. Nissman. Attorney Jenkins has been a federal prosecutor for more than fifteen (15) years. Of those 15 years, ten (10) of them were spent in the Northern District of Florida, the Tallahassee area, where he primarily prosecuted drug offenses before relocating to the Virgin Islands in September 2000 as an Assistant U.S. Attorney on St. Thomas.

Before becoming Acting U.S. Attorney on August 20, 2004, Attorney Jenkins served as the First Assistant United States Attorney from March 16, 2004 to August 20, 2004. Prior to that, he served from September 2002 as the Criminal Chief for the U.S. Attorney's Office where he was responsible for supervising the day-to-day operation of the District's

criminal division. He also served as the managing Assistant U.S. Attorney in the St. Thomas' division prior to being appointed as criminal chief and from January 2001 to April 2002, he served as the lead OCDETF attorney in the Virgin Islands.

Prior to his federal service, Attorney Jenkins served as an Assistant State Prosecutor for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Jacksonville, Florida from July 1984 to January 1990. During his tenure as an Assistant State Attorney, he served as the Deputy Director of the Juvenile and Special Assault Division, before being promoted to Chief Prosecutor of the State Attorney's Office, Clay County Division.

Attorney Jenkins obtained his undergraduate degree from Troy State University where he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor of science degree, and received his jurist doctors' degree from Mercer University School of Law in 1984. He is a member, in good standing, of the Florida State Bar and is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations including the Director's Award and Special Achievement Awards for his work as a federal prosecutor.

Prior to his legal career, Attorney Jenkins served in the United States Army where he received the prestigious " Army Commendation Medal."

Attorney Jenkins thanked President George W. Bush for nominating him as the U.S. Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands, and thanked the Senate for confirming him. He is looking forward to continuing to do good work fighting crime and enforcing federal laws on behalf of the United States and the people of the Virgin Islands.